

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, December 17.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 77; Min. 68. Weather, variable.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

SALE OF CLAUS SPRECKELS' BLOCK

Syndicate Buys Most of Merchant, King and Fort Square.

One of the largest single real estate transactions negotiated in Honolulu will be completed and recorded today with the transfer by Rudolph Spreckels to a local syndicate headed by C. M. Cooke and others, most of the business square bounded by Fort, Merchant, Alakea and Queen streets. The price, while not divulged, is reported to be a very large one.

The deal includes all of the block except the buildings on the Judd, Stangenwald and Mutual Telephone sites. With these exceptions the block is owned by the Spreckels or, more particularly, by Claus Spreckels. The negotiations have been conducted by Rudolph Spreckels through R. W. Shingle of the Henry Waterhouse Trust Company. Although the deal is a big and important one in both real estate and financial circles, yet the negotiations, until yesterday, were conducted with so much secrecy that few men outside of those directly interested, knew of it.

The deal will be closed by this afternoon at latest, as Mr. Spreckels intends to leave for San Francisco today or tomorrow on the Japanese steamship Nippon Maru.

The property is the square through which a new cut must be made so that Bishop street may continue on to Halekaniwa street, opening up a large and valuable area of town business property.

The negotiations carry the sale of everything owned in the block by Mr. Spreckels, including the Claus Spreckels building in which are located the Spreckels Bank, and W. G. Irwin & Co. The Wilder building at the corner of (Continued on Page Two.)

DR. COFER MAY BE SENT BACK

Probable That He May Assume Charge of Quarantine Work Again.

There is a strong probability of Dr. Cofer, formerly in charge of the quarantine service at this port, being again assigned to Honolulu. Acting Governor Mott-Smith yesterday stated that pressure was being brought to bear upon the department by friends of Hawaii to have Dr. Cofer sent back here and it is probable, in the light of what Governor Frear has written, that the requests will be carried out. There is no certainty about this appointment, however.

When Dr. Cofer was withdrawn from duty here, after having served in a dual capacity as head of the Federal quarantine service and president of the Board of Health, it was thought by him and others that he would be appointed to some position in the service at some European port. In fact this was the declared intention of the department in recalling him from Hawaii, but so urgent have Dr. Cofer's friends and the friends of the Islands been to have him sent back here that the department is about to yield.

In a letter written in Washington on December 6, Governor Frear writes that Dr. Cofer is now studying the latest sanitary methods employed in the big cities of the East and has asked for nine days more before being appointed to a permanent position in order that he may continue his investigations. This has been granted him.

Dr. Cofer has not forgotten Hawaii. On the other hand it is on his recommendation that a Federal appropriation for sanitary work for Honolulu is being considered and he has been assisting Governor Frear in urging such an appropriation. In connection with the work done to secure this money the Governor has called for sanitary work statistics, which have been forwarded to the Governor. Dr. Cofer's recommendation is that an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars a year be given, to be expended here for sanitary uses at the discretion of the Governor.

P. H. Newell's report will urge co-operation between the Federal and Territorial governments in handling Hawaiian lands.

THE GOVERNOR IS WORKING HARD

Land, Sanitation and Shipping Occupying Attention.

The congressional bill to deal with the question of amendments to the land clauses of Hawaiian public lands has undergone many alterations since Governor Frear took away the draft with him to Washington. "I have been amending, adding to and taking away from the bill so much that the draft I left with you is very much altered," writes the Governor to the Acting Governor, in reference to the matter.

Acting Governor Mott-Smith received two long letters from the Governor yesterday, in both of which the Governor gives the details of many of the things of which he has briefly cabled. He has also sent a draft of the land bill as amended by him, but added that further amendments were probable before the matter reached the congressional committee. The Governor has been going deeply into the land question with Messrs. McClellan and Hatch, the three consulting Delegate Kubio in any alterations in the draft made. The Governor wrote that he hoped to be able to appear personally before the committee when the bill was taken up, a hope which has been realized according to the cables.

Federal Building Site.

In connection with the question that raised the storm here, the proposed exchange of Federal building sites, the Governor states that he took the matter up with Secretary Winthrop as soon as he was in Washington and learned of the agitation over the matter in Honolulu.

"Winthrop, at my request, will hold off the Federal building site transfer until the communications on the question arrive from Honolulu," he wrote.

Garfield Planning Work.

Secretary Garfield, with whom the Governor has been in consultation, is working on several Hawaiian propositions and is laying out a lot of work for the Hawaiian departments to attend to.

The Governor referred at some length in both his letters to the round-about face of the commercial bodies of Honolulu. (Continued on Page Five.)

GOVERNOR IS DELAYED IN WASHINGTON ERRAND

Territorial affairs will detain Governor Frear in Washington until tomorrow, when he leaves for New York, expecting to reach the Coast in time to sail for Honolulu by the January transport or by the Alameda, due here on January 15. This is the news received by cable yesterday from the Governor who had previously written that he hoped to be able to reach Honolulu on the Korea, with Attorney General Hemenway, on the 28th, but might be prevented through delays in connection with his Washington errand. In his letter to Acting Governor Mott-Smith he stated that he feared he would be prevented from attending the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, which was celebrated in Oakland on the 16th inst. Yesterday's cable shows that his fears have been realized.

ELECT ONLY DECENT MEN

Spreckels Urges Choice of Officials on Character, Not Politics.

"Every man who prides himself on his good citizenship should take an interest in his city's politics; he should see to it that only decent citizens are nominated for office, and after they are elected he should watch their efforts and assist in their work."

"Public officials should be allowed some discretion in their official work, the same discretion as is allowed the honest manager of a business. They should not be controlled by any political machine."

"Rely on your ability to select good men for office, then support and encourage them and rely on their good judgment."—Rudolph Spreckels, to the members of the Commercial Club, yesterday.

Rudolph Spreckels, the forceful young leader of the fight against the grafters of San Francisco, spoke plainly to the members and guests of the Commercial Club at their noonday gathering yesterday, preaching the doctrine of common honesty and of the necessity of every man taking enough interest in his city's government to keep it out of the hands of disreputable persons, grafters and looters. His straight-from-the-shoulder remarks were cheered repeatedly, and three cheers and a tiger were given with enthusiasm for the speaker at the conclusion of his half hour's address.

Never before has the diningroom of the Commercial Club been so filled at a luncheon reception as it was yesterday, there being scarcely half enough tables for all who appeared for the luncheon and to listen to Mr. Spreckels address the members on "Civic Reform in San Francisco," a subject on which he is better qualified to speak than he.

He was introduced in a brief speech by James Wakefield, president of the club. Mr. Spreckels said, in part:

"I feel that my welcome here and to this city is as a welcome home, for I have a feeling that Hawaii is my home, a feeling I shall carry through life. As you all know, perhaps, I spent much of my boyhood here, and feel that here I am surrounded by my boyhood friends."

"The things that brought about my active interest in civic reform in San Francisco were these: After I had sold out my Hawaiian interests, I looked about for profitable investments in San Francisco, and acquired a number of shares in the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., a public service corporation. I (Continued on Page Five.)

JAPANESE ABSCONDER WILL SOON BE HERE

Abe, the Japanese charged with embezzlement, for whom Chester Doyle has been waiting in Yokohama while the extradition details were being fixed up, will arrive in Honolulu in charge of the Hawaiian officer on the S. S. China, due from the Orient on January 2. This news was cabled to Acting Governor Mott-Smith yesterday by the Acting Secretary of State.

It was thought here when Doyle sailed away for his prisoner that it was simply a case of going over to Japan, putting the nippers on the absconding Japanese and bringing him back to Honolulu for trial. When Doyle arrived in the Orient however, he found that Abe was neither ready nor willing to be turned over to him or anyone else and did not share the general longing to return to the Paradise of the Pacific credited to all who have lived here and gone away. Abe was fighting his case in the Dalmay courts, after having been at large in Manchuria. The Dalmay court has ruled against him, however, and Doyle will soon be buying his return ticket for him. The cablegram of the State Department yesterday was a quotation from a cable sent the Department by Ambassador O'Brien of the American Embassy at Tokio, which said:

"Abe case favorably acted upon by court at Dalmay. Prisoner being conveyed to Yokohama for delivery to Hawaiian officer on board steamship China, sailing twenty-third."

ROBERT MANTELL TO GIVE SIX PERFORMANCES HERE

Robert Mantell, the great actor, has been signed by W. D. Adams for six performances at the Opera House in April.

He will be the first distinguished artist to appear on the dramatic stage in Honolulu since Frederick Warde was here in legitimate roles seven years ago.

Mantell was a rival of the late Richard Mansfield and is now in the class

of Henry Miller, Louis James and John Drew. Honolulu will be fortunate in having him here.

First gaining celebrity as leading man for Fanny Davenport in Fedora, he began to star in Mombars and has since essayed the greatest roles of the English speaking stage.

The plays in which Mr. Mantell will appear will be announced soon.

HEARST'S JAIL EDITOR SUED BY ROCKEFELLER, JR.

Bill to Increase Salary of President to \$100,000 ---Congress Congratulates the Ottoman Parliament---Taft's Panama Trip.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

NEW YORK, December 18.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has caused the arrest for libel of S. S. Carvalho, president of the company publishing Hearst's American, the result of an item charging him with being the original instigator of peonage.

CHICAGO, December 18.—The peonage case at Summit, for which the Hearst newspapers hold J. D. Rockefeller responsible, is being investigated by the authorities.

CONGRATULATES THE TURKS

WASHINGTON, December 18.—Congress cabled its congratulations to the Turkish Parliament, which was opened by the Sultan yesterday.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 17.—Parliament has adjourned until Saturday.

TAFT'S PANAMA TRIP

WASHINGTON, December 18.—President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft conferred regarding the Panama trip of the latter at the cabinet dinner at the White House yesterday.

MORE MONEY FOR PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, December 18.—Representative Bourne has introduced a bill making the salary of the President \$100,000 and that of the Vice President \$25,000.

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

PUNTA ARENAS, December 18.—The French South Polar expedition has sailed.

SIMON CHOSEN PRESIDENT.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Hayti, December 17.—General Simon has been elected President of Hayti.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The United States has recognized General Simon as President of Hayti.

WILSON IS CHARGED.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 17.—J. Walter Wilson has been formally charged with the murder of Henry Boas.

BIGGY'S FUNERAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 17.—The funeral of the late Chief of Police Biggy took place here today with imposing ceremonies.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT.

BERNE, Switzerland, December 17.—A Deucher has been elected President of Switzerland.

KIMBALL AN ADMIRAL.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—Admiral Emory has been retired, and William J. Kimball has been made an Admiral.

PORTUGUESE CABINET RESIGNS.

LISBON, Portugal, December 17.—The Cabinet has resigned.

GILLETT BACK AT WORK.

SACRAMENTO, December 17.—Governor Gillett has returned to his duties.

PROMOTIONERS WILL SET HAWAII STRAIGHT

The Promotion Committee is to put into practice the suggestion made in the Advertiser concerning the advertising of this Territory as a part and parcel of the United States and emphasize the fact that Hawaii is neither a dependency nor a possession of any country. This was decided at yesterday's meeting of the committee, when the secretary was authorized to have printed a number of pamphlets containing these facts to be distributed among the merchants of the city for enclosing in all correspondence sent to the mainland. The committee also concluded to take further steps to advertise the Islands and will ask the pineapple exporters to stamp the Crossroads map on their boxes and also incorporate it on the labels of their tins.

At yesterday's meeting an acknowledgment of the receipt of the Mark Twain mantel was read from Mr. Clemens, who expressed the pleasure he felt in the gift from Hawaii.

Secretary Wood reported on the very satisfactory aspect of the tourist trade, already this early in the season the best of the city boarding houses and private hotels being filled with guests.

STABBING AFFRAY IN CHINATOWN

Wa Hung Ging, a watchman in a Chinese camp on King street near the corner of Liliha, was taken to the Queen's Hospital at an early hour this morning, suffering from a number of severe knife wounds, received in a fight near his home. He was stabbed through the right cheek, received a nasty gash in the stomach and has the fingers of both hands sliced and lacerated through the efforts he made to wrest the knife out of the hands of his assailant. His wounds are serious but not necessarily fatal.

Chief of Detectives Kalakiela happened to be in Chinatown when the fight took place, and it was he who found the wounded man lying in the road. The name of the knife is known and the man will probably be arrested this morning. The cause of the quarrel has not been given out.

SPRECKELS' REFINERY REOPENS.

PHILADELPHIA, December 7.—The Spreckels sugar refinery has resumed operations after being closed three weeks. Two thousand men are employed. The payroll averages \$20,000 a week.

A HOME FOR FRIENDLESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Splendid Efforts of the Salvation Army to Meet a Crying Need of Honolulu and This Territory.

There is no roof in Honolulu, but that of the Police Station, where a woman who is honest, but a stranger, friendless and poor, can secure temporary shelter; and no place whatever where she can find a home.

Japanese, Korean and white American orphans can secure care and protection in Honolulu at homes provided for them; but the only refuge of a friendless Hawaiian, part Hawaiian, Spanish, Porto Rican, Portuguese or Chinese child, is the Reform School, and even this is not available unless the child is sentenced thereto by the Police Court, for the commission of some offense.

Exception may be taken to the foregoing statement, but it is true; literally and cruelly true.

SALVATION ARMY HOME IS SWAMPED.

It is also true that the ladies in charge of the Salvation Army have tried, out of their meager means, to remedy the situation, by taking friendless women and children into their own home; and to a limited extent they have succeeded; but the demand has outgrown their resources. They have been swamped by the many demands and no longer have either room or money for the applicants who are continually coming.

CONDITIONS NOT REALIZED BY PEOPLE.

This condition of affairs has not been realized by the people of Hawaii. In the olden days extreme poverty was so rare that individual action was sufficient, and organized effort to meet distress required only to a limited extent.

With the growth of Honolulu and the great influx of immigrants having no capital, accident, disease and death have increased the dependent class to such an extent that the Salvation Army Home recently contained forty-four women and children who had no other refuge, and others whose needs were as great had to be turned away.

The people of Hawaii are not to blame for this condition of affairs. It has come upon them unawares. But they will be to blame if, knowing it, they permit it to continue.

THE REMEDY.

What is the remedy? What can be done? Under these circumstances the Salvation Army has stepped into the breach. It has done all that it could; but has now reached the limit of its available room and money. It offers to establish and operate a home for homeless and friendless women and children irrespective of nationality.

All that it asks is that the people of this Territory will give it the opportunity to do this thing.

PRACTICAL BUSINESS METHODS.

The Salvation Army is nothing if it is not practical in its business methods. (Continued on Page Two.)